

Celebrating Children at Saint Alban's

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

- + Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel that you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- + Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.
- + Quietly explain the parts of the Service and actions of the priest, altar servers, musicians, acolytes, readers, ushers, etc.
- + Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- + If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- + Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this place of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY...

- + The presence of children is a gift to the Church.
- + They are a reminder that our community is growing.
- + Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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